

Panel 3: HIV distribution  
models, service delivery  
and linkage

**Moving from product to  
policy to programme**

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# HIV Self-Testing in South Africa

“South Africa will only implement HIV Self-Testing in Public Health when there are WHO Pre-Qualified Products available”

DDG – NDOH

2014

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – Pharmacists in South Africa are now allowed to sell HIV Screening Tests under guidance from the SAPC



# GREY ZONE

Public health vs Private Sector Strategies



# State of play

- Products had been available informally for several years
- South African Pharmacy Council ruling
- Lack of defined regulatory framework (MCC/SAHPRA)
- Position of the Department of Health
- Normative guidance (WHO)
- SA guidelines
- Lack of evidence within the SA context
- WHO Pre-Qualification



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# Product Pipeline (SA)



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**atomo**diagnostics

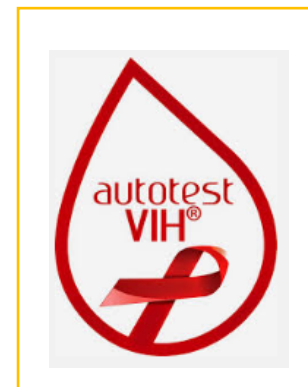
**BioSURE**  
HIV Self Test

**CALYPTE**

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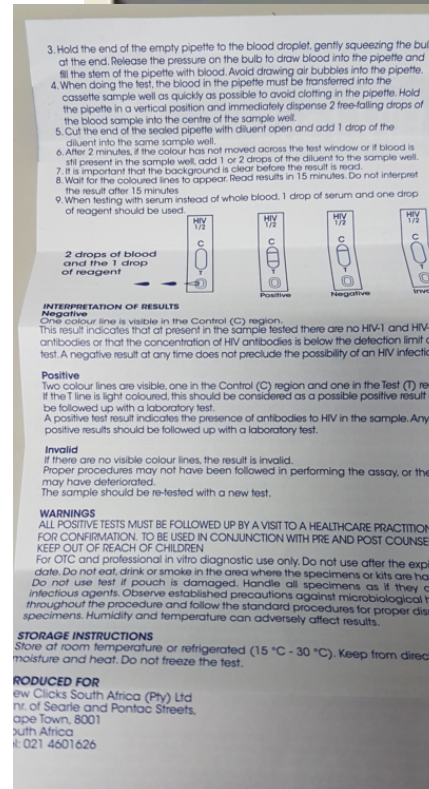
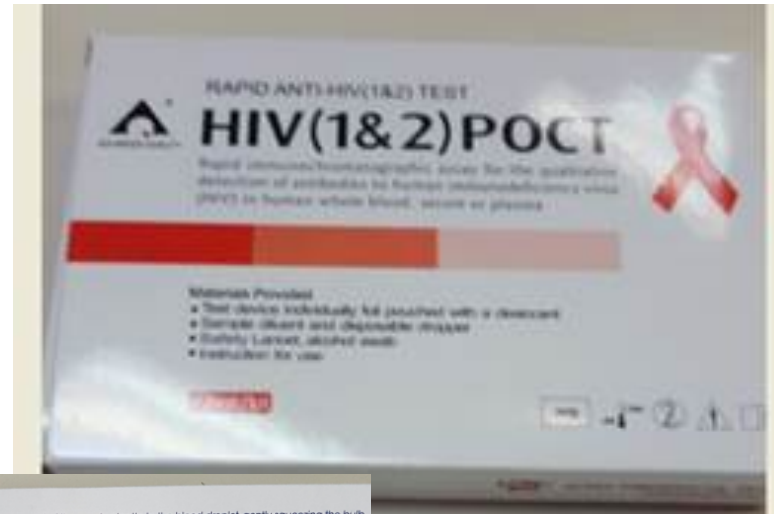


PENDING



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# But also...



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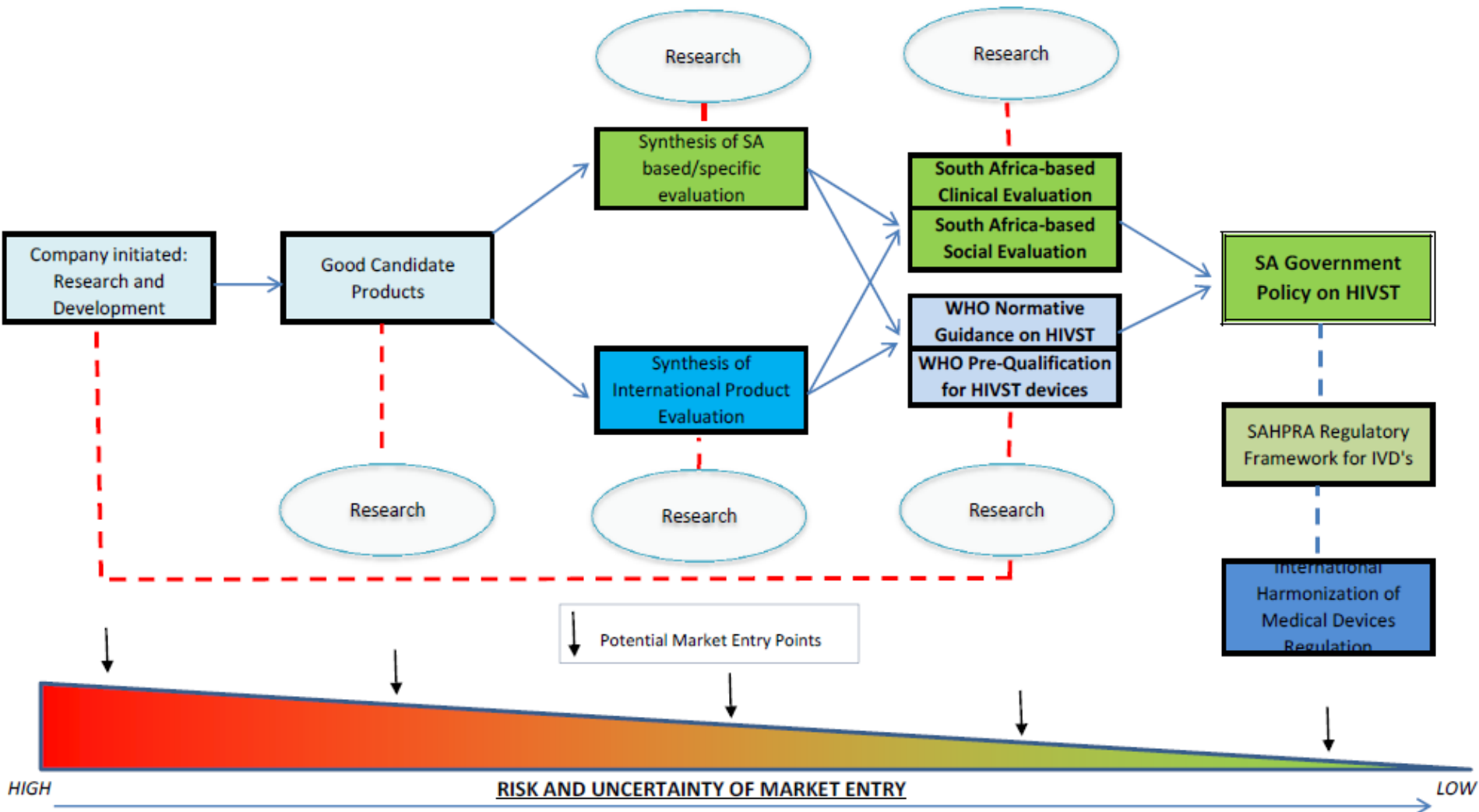


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# HIVST Regulatory Pathway



# Outstanding on the Regulatory Framework

- Transition of the Medicines Control Council to the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA)
- HIV Self-Tests to be considered “Priority Products”
- SA HIVST Guidance group will be writing to SAHPRA on HIVST products
- DOH Policy on HIVST



# South African HIVST Policy and Guidance Considerations

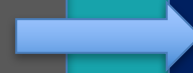
- Development of Policy and Guidelines is the responsibility of NDOH
- HIVST Technical Working Group has developed policy and guidance considerations that will be presented to the NDOH
  - Guidance for distributors
  - Guidance for implementers
  - Guidance for Manufacturers
  - Key messaging



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# Distribution Models for South Africa

- No “one size fits all” approach
- The distribution model used will depend on the population targeted and based on the testing gap
- The approach will vary, as well as mechanism for monitoring and evaluating effectiveness
- What we do know is that there are certainly populations that will be targeted through HIVST



# STAR Phase 2

- Wits RHI join PSI Consortium on the UNITAID STAR Phase 2 Project in South Africa
- Integrating HIVST into national HIV testing policies, developing evidence-based strategy and implementation plans, and facilitating regulatory approvals of HIVST products to drive scale-up.
- Scaling-up equitable and sustainable HIVST models across health sectors and supporting the transition to country implementation

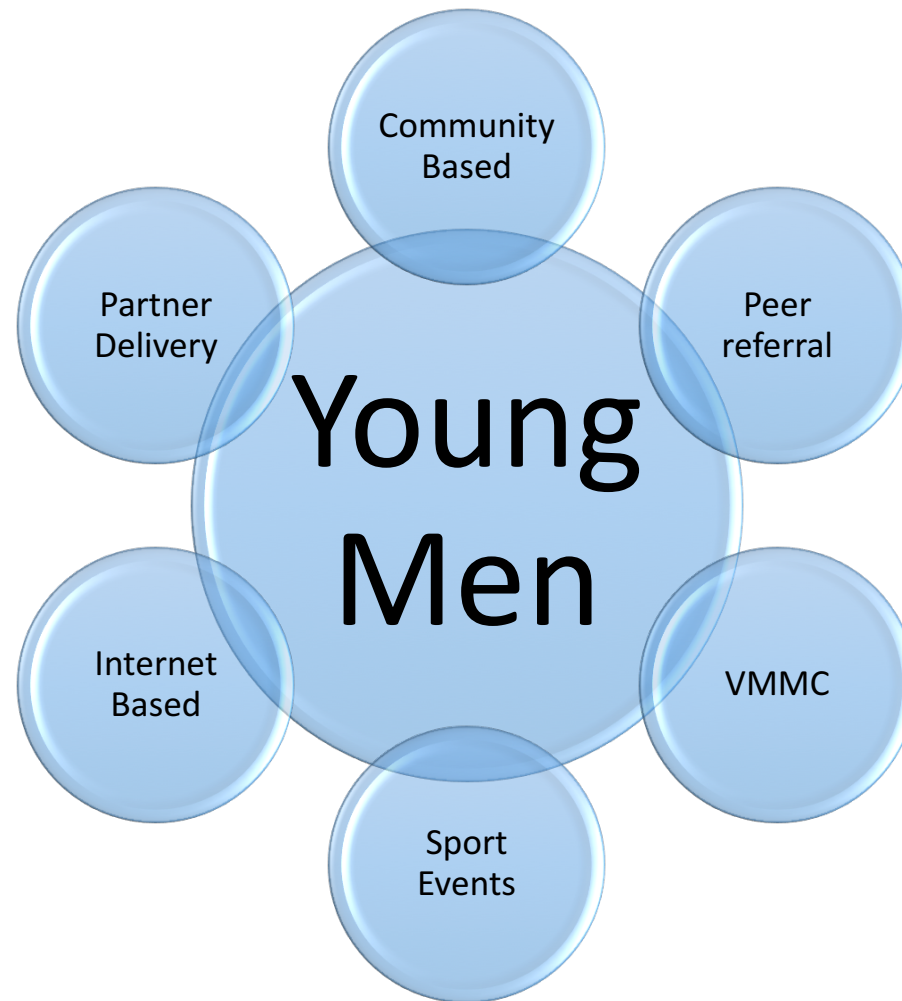


# Key and under-tested populations in SA

- Young Men
- Adolescent Girls
- Workplaces – big business such as Mines, and transportation
- Transgender populations
- MSM
- Index Partners

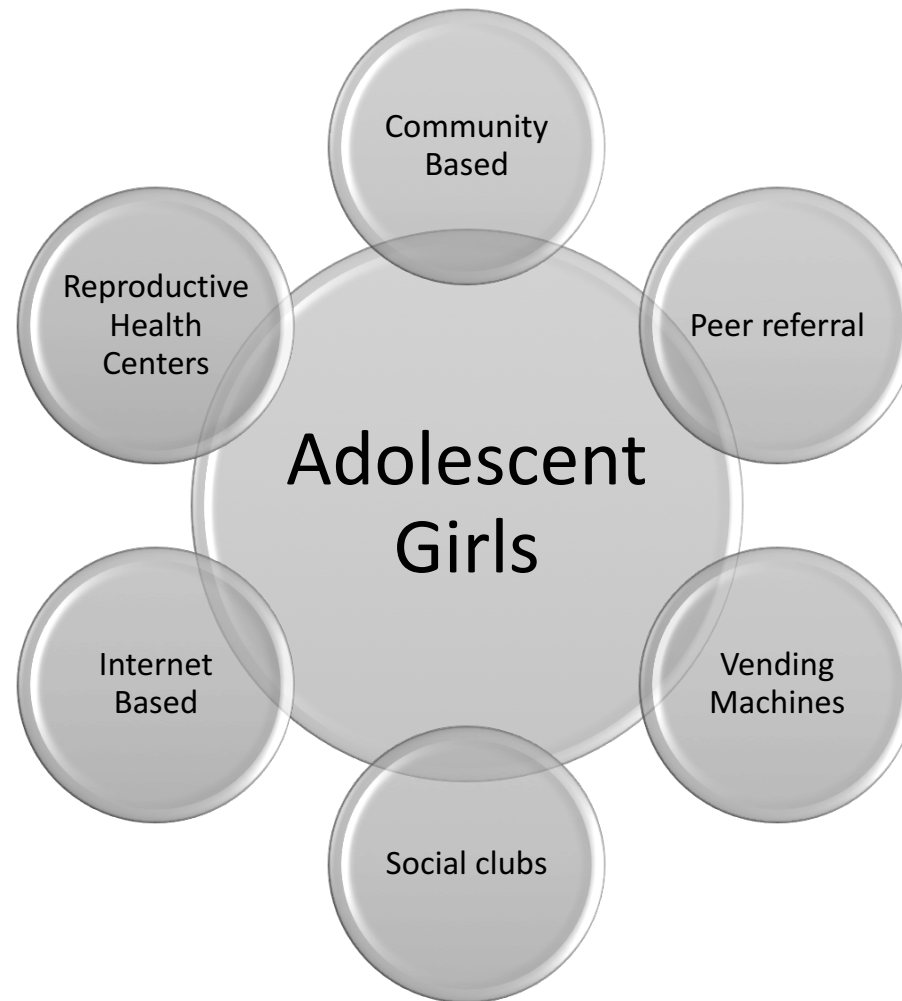


# What would a Distribution Model look like? Young Men





# What would a Distribution Model look like? Adolescent Girls



# Support Services

- Mobile Applications
- Communication platforms: social media, whatsapp
- Internet
- Call centers
- Peer educators



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